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REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Official Action dated July 25, 2003.

Claims 1-60 were pending in the application.

Claims 1-60 were subject to a restriction requirement.

By way of this amendment, the Applicant has canceled claims 21-33 and 42-60, subject to the filing of a divisional application.

Accordingly, claims 1-20 and 34-41 are currently pending.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT:

The Examiner required restriction of the invention as follows:

Species I: Species of figures 2-2A drawn to an optical interface assembly comprising a single block fiber stub array (FSA).

Species II: Species of figures 5-6 drawn to an optical interface assembly comprising a single block FSA having a well structure.

Species III: Species of figure 7 drawn to an optical interface assembly comprising a VCSEL plate with guide holes

Species IV: Species of figures 8-13 drawn to an optical interface assembly comprising a two-piece FSA with V-grooves.

Species V: Species of figures 14-16 drawn to an optical interface assembly comprising a two piece FSA with molded guide holes.

Species VI: Species of figures 17-24 drawn to an optical interface assembly comprising a one piece retainer with a retainer wedge.

Species VII: Species of figure 28 drawn to an optical interface assembly comprising a metal backing plate.

Species VIII: Species of figure 29 drawn to an optical interface assembly comprising no retainer structure.

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ELECTION:

The Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the invention as defined in Species I (figures 2-2a), and the associated claims 1-20 and 34-41.

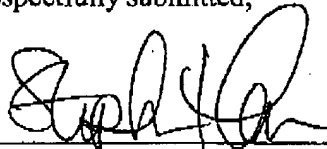
By way of this amendment, the Applicant has canceled claims 21-33 and 42-60 subject to the filing of a divisional application at a later date.

The application is now believed to be in proper form for favorable consideration on the merits.

Corresponding action is respectfully solicited.

PTO is authorized to charge any additional fees incurred as a result of the filing hereof or credit any overpayment to our account #02-0900.

Respectfully submitted,



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